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Department of Community Services



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Important to Harford
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Office on Aging Gifts Book Series to Public Library

Helping to Raise Awareness of Alzheimer's and Dementia

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Community Services' Office on Aging recently presented the Harford County Public Library with a series of books on Alzheimer's to improve awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The books are available at each branch of the public library system.

There are over five million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease. Every 67 seconds someone is diagnosed with the disease. It is the sixth leading cause of death in America, killing more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. In 2013, 15.5 million caregivers provided an estimated 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care, valued at more than \$220 billion.

Families provide the bulk of the care for their loved one's throughout the progression of the disease. Harford County's Office on Aging realizes the impact Alzheimer's has on our community, especially upon families. Office on Aging is gifting the series of books to each library branch in order to help family members, caregivers, and those diagnosed to better understand the disease. The books are geared to readers of different ages and reading levels.

For more information, contact the Office on Aging at 410-638-3025.

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